

REMARKS

I. Status Of The Claims

Claims 1-4 and 7-33 are pending in this Application.

Claims 25-33 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 19-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kerns (U.S. Patent No. 5,367,332).

Claims 1, 3, 7, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 19-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stempeck (U.S. Patent No. 4,571,627) in view of Minoura (U.S. Patent No. 4,812,922) and Stevens (U.S. Patent No. 6,486,916).

Claims 9, 11, 17, 18, 23, and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stempeck in view of Minoura, Stevens, and Kinoshita (4,740,826).

Claims 2, 4, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stempeck in view of Minoura, Stevens, and Fellegara (U.S. Patent No. 5,845,166).

Claims 10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stempeck in view of Minoura, Stevens, Kinoshita, and Fellegara.

With this response claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 11, and 13-18 are amended.

II. Claim Rejections

The Examiner has variously rejected claims 1-4 and 7-24 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

In Stempeck, an image which has been recorded in disk memory 26 is played back once more (see col. 5, ln. 38-59). This is merely a playback mode.

Minoura discusses simply playing back an image after the image has been recorded in a track of a recording media.

With regard to Stempeck and Minoura, Applicants note, for example, that with such functionality a long time is required for image display because it is necessary to read out the image from a nonvolatile memory and develop it.

In contrast, according to various embodiments of the present invention, an image sensed by an image sensing device can be quickly displayed and a user can check the image immediately after the image sensing operation because the image is displayed before it is recorded in a nonvolatile memory.

Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references, taken individually or in combination, fail to disclose, teach, or suggest all aspects of claims 1-4 and 7-24.

In view of at least the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-4 and 7-24 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that this Application is in condition for allowance for which action is earnestly solicited.

If a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution of this Application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500,

Order No. 1232-4518. **A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.**

Furthermore, in the event that an extension of time is required, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the above-noted Deposit Account and Order No.

Respectfully submitted,

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